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July 13, 2006

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni
Chief Clerk and Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Docket No. 2006-3-E
Duke Power Company LLC d/b/a Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("Duke Energy Carolinas") Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs
REQUEST FOR ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE* OF LARA SIMMONS NICHOLS, ESQUIRE

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Duke Power Company LLC d/b/a Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("Duke Energy Carolinas") through counsel, hereby requests that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") approve Ms. Nichols admission *pro hac vice* to practice before the Commission in the above referenced matter and docket.

Please note the June 21, 2006 correspondence of Gail B. Watts, Esquire, addressed to the Commission, wherein Ms. Watts indicates that the South Carolina Supreme Court has received a verified application of Ms. Nichols and that the appropriate fee was paid to the South Carolina Supreme Court. (Copy of verified application attached for your ready reference)

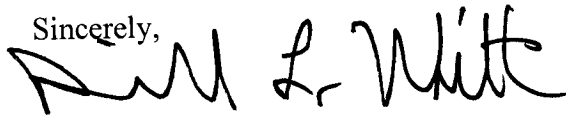
Also please note the July 10, 2006 e-mail from C. Lessie Hammonds, Esquire, of the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS"), wherein ORS indicates that they have no objection to having this matter being placed on the agenda. Additionally, counsel for the South Carolina Energy Users Committee ("SCEUC") has been copied on this and all previous correspondence and he has not indicated any objection to Ms. Nichols' admission *pro hac vice*.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that this matter be placed on the Commission's hearing agenda on July 19, 2006.

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") and SCEUC will also be provided with a copy of this correspondence.

With kind regards, we are

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William F. Austin".

William F. Austin
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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse,
Clerk of Court
South Carolina Supreme Court
1231 Gervais Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201.

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Re: *Pro Hac Vice* Application of Lara Simmons Nichols, Esquire
Submitted by Richard L. Whitt, member of the South Carolina Bar

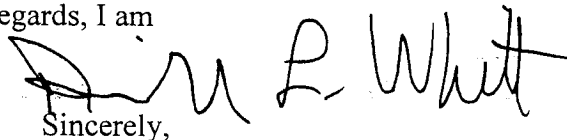
Dear Mr. Shearouse;

Enclosed please find the Verified Application For Admission *Pro Hac Vice* in the State of South Carolina, of Lara Simmons Nichols, Esquire, a member in good standing of the North Carolina Bar.

The application is submitted by Richard L. Whitt, a member in good standing of the South Carolina Bar. Also enclosed is the appropriate fee of two hundred and fifty dollars.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 251-7442.

With kind regards, I am


Sincerely,

Richard L. Whitt

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VERIFIED APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE*
IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Duke Power Company LLC

vs. Duke Energy Carolinas LLC

Plaintiff

2006-3-E

Case No.

Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Court

Not Applicable

Defendant

Mailing Address of Court: Post Office Drawer 11649
Columbia, South Carolina
29211

Comes now Lara SIMMONS Nichols, applicant herein, and respectfully represents the following:

1. Applicant resides at:

4000 Highview Road
Street Address
Charlotte Mecklenburg NC 28210
City County State Zip Code
704-552-4335
Telephone

2. Applicant is an attorney and a member of the law firm of (or practices law under the name of) Duke Energy Corporation, Legal Department, with offices at, at

526 S. Church Street (EC03T)
Street Address
Charlotte Mecklenburg NC 28202
City County State Zip Code
704-382-9960
Telephone
Fax Number

3. Applicant has been retained personally or as a member of the above named law firm by Duke Energy Corporation to provide legal representation in connection with the above case now pending before the above named court of the State of South Carolina.

4. Since August 20 of 1993, applicant has been, and presently is, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of the District of Columbia or the State of NC where applicant regularly practices law. Attached is a certificate of good standing.

5. Applicant has been admitted to practice before the following courts: (List all of the following courts applicant has been admitted to practice before: United States District Courts; United States Circuit Courts of Appeals; the Supreme Court of the United States; and courts of other states or the District of Columbia.)

Court:	Date Admitted:
United States District Court for Western District of NC	1993
United States District Court for Middle District of NC	1993
Courts of the State of NC	1993

Applicant is presently a member in good standing of the bars of those courts listed above, except as listed below:
(List any court named in the preceding paragraph that applicant is no longer admitted to practice before.)

Not Applicable

6. Applicant presently is not subject to any suspension or disbarment proceedings, and has not been formally notified of any complaints pending before a disciplinary agency, except as provided below (give particulars, e.g., jurisdiction, court, date):

None

7. Applicant never has had any application for admission *pro hac vice* in this or any other jurisdiction denied or any *pro hac vice* admission revoked, except as provided below (give particulars, e.g., date, court, docket number, judge, circumstances; attach a copy of any order of denial or revocation):

None

8. Applicant never has had any certificate or privilege to appear and practice before any administrative body suspended or revoked, except as provided below (give particulars, e.g., date, administrative body, date of suspension and reinstatement):

None

9. Local counsel of record associated with applicant in this case is Richard L. Whitt, of the Austin, Lewis, and Rogers, P.A. law firm, which has offices at:
508 Hampton Street, Suite 300
Street Address
Columbia Richland South Carolina 29201
City County State Zip Code
(803) 251-7442
Telephone

If applicable list all other firms/attorneys you are associated with in this matter
None

10. Applicant has previously filed an application to appear *pro hac vice* in the following South Carolina cases (give case name and status of litigation, date of application, local counsel of record in each case, and state whether application is pending or was granted).

None

11. Applicant agrees to comply with the applicable statutes, laws and rules of the State of South Carolina and will familiarize him/herself with and comply with the South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct. Applicant consents to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina courts and Commission on Lawyer Conduct.

12. Applicant respectfully requests to be admitted to practice in the above named court for this case only.

DATED this 26th day of April, 2006
[Signature]
APPLICANT

VERIFICATION

STATE OF North Carolina

COUNTY OF Mecklenburg

I, Lara Simmons Nichols, do hereby swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I am the applicant in the above styled matter; that I have read the foregoing application and know the contents thereof; and that the contents are true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters stated on information and belief, and that as to those matters I believe them to be true.

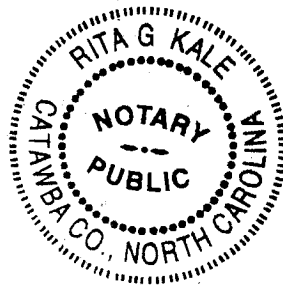
Lara Simmons Nichols
APPLICANT/AFFIANT

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of April, 2006.

Rita G. Kale

Notary Public for the State of North Carolina

My Commission Expires: 6-17-07



LOCAL COUNSEL CONSENT

I hereby consent, as local counsel of record, to the association of applicant in this cause pursuant to Rules Governing Admission *Pro Hac Vice* to the South Carolina Bar.

DATED this 14th day of June, 2006.

Richard L. Whitt
LOCAL COUNSEL OF RECORD
Richard L. Whitt
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of this application upon the South Carolina Supreme Court by mail hand delivery addressed to: South Carolina Supreme Court Office of Bar Admissions, PO Box 11330, Columbia, SC 29211, accompanied by payment of the \$250 filing fee payable to the South Carolina Supreme Court on this 14th day of June, 2006.

Richard L. Whitt
~~APPLICANT/AFFIANT~~

Served by:
Local Counsel of Record
for Applicant/Affiant